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## Senate

## HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES NATIONAL GUARDSMAN KENNETH HENDRICKSON

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, over the weekend, east of Fallujah, Iraq, a roadside bomb exploded, taking the life of SSG Kenneth Hendrickson, a member of the National Guard 957th Multi-Role Bridge Company.

SSG Hendrickson is from Bismarck, ND, where he lived with his wife and son and near his mother Adeline. His father, Lyle Hendrickson, is now a Pendleton County commissioner in South Dakota.

Staff Sergeant Hendrickson was only 4 weeks away from returning home. Shortly before the attack that would take his life, his parents were told not to send anymore letters or care packages because he would be heading home before any other mail could reach him in Iraq.

Staff Sergeant Hendrickson served his country with courage. Every American owes him and the entire Hendrickson family a debt of thanks for his service, as well as his sacrifice.